

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. The Department of Environmental Quality (Department) hereby notifies all interested parties of the opportunity to provide comment regarding the Department's draft modeling protocol in support of the implementation of best available retrofit technology (BART).

2. All states, including Montana, are directed by federal law to establish goals and emission reduction strategies for improving visibility in all mandatory Class I federal areas, i.e., national parks of 6,000 acres or more and wilderness areas of 5,000 acres or more established on or before August 7, 1977.

3. The draft modeling protocol describes the tools and methods used to determine if an individual existing major stationary source causes or contributes to visibility impairment in a mandatory federal Class I area, and to predict the degree of visibility improvement which could reasonably be anticipated to result from the use of retrofit control technology known as BART.

4. Interested parties may review a copy of the draft modeling protocol at the following locations:

Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Airport Industrial
Park IP-9, 1371 Rimtop Drive, Billings, MT 59105-1978;

Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Air Resource
Management Bureau, Metcalf Bldg., 1520 E. Sixth Ave, Helena,
MT 59620-0901;

Missoula City-County Health Department, 301 West Alder Street,
Missoula, MT 59802;

Custer County Sanitarian office, Custer County Courthouse, 1010
Main Street, Miles City, MT 59301; or

Cascade City-County Health Department, 114 4th Street South,
Great Falls, MT 59405

5. Interested persons may also view the Draft Montana BART Modeling Protocol on the Department's website at <http://www.deq.mt.gov/AirQuality/Visibility.asp>.

6. Interested persons may submit their data, views, or arguments regarding the draft modeling protocol by submitting the same to Debra Wolfe by mail at: P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, by fax at: 406-444-1499, or by e-mail at dwolfe@state.mt.us. All written comments must be received no later than May 2, 2006.